

SHEEP POND (Brewster)

General Information:

This 138-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 29 feet and a maximum depth of 63 feet. Transparency is very good, extending to approximately 20 feet. The shoreline is wooded and lightly developed with permanent homes. The bottom is composed primarily of sand.

The pond is located just north of Long Pond, between Routes 124 and 137. From the Sagamore Bridge, take Route 6 east to Exit 10. Head north on Route 124 for 2.1 miles, and take a left on Fishermans Landing Road. The Public Access Board, along with parking space sufficient to handle approximately 20 vehicles, provides a paved boat ramp suitable for the launching of small boats. There is a 3 horsepower limit on outboard motors.

This pond was reclaimed in 1957. White suckers and brown bullheads dominated the water at that time. It was reclaimed again in 1966 and 1972. It was treated with agricultural limestone in 1971 and 1982 to counteract increasing acidity. Adult smallmouth bass were stocked in 1979 and 1982.

Fish Populations:

The most recent fisheries survey, conducted in 1988, recorded five species: smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, brown bullhead and banded killifish. Stocked trout are also present, and as of this writing, so is Atlantic salmon.

Fishing:

This pond is best known for its stocked trout fishery. It contains excellent cold-water habitat for holding over stocked trout and is annually stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout every spring and fall. It was also stocked with excess Atlantic salmon broodstock in the spring of 1992 and 1993, and these fish will continue to be stocked whenever they are available. Trolling streamers, small silver spoons, spinners and small, silver-colored crankbaits along the 10 to 20 foot contours is probably the most effective technique here in the spring. During high summer, anglers will need to get their trout offerings down into a coldwater zone between 34 and 43 feet. When baitfishing at anchor, try the sunken points near the center of the northwestern shoreline. Worms, killifish and doughbaits are all recommended. The sunken island, which rises from 40 to 30 feet in the pond's northeastern corner, is also a good bet for stillfishing or jigging, and is apt to hold smallmouths as well as trout during spring and early summer.

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